

Torrance, California  
September 19, 1944

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, September 19, 1944 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Ice Company, requesting permission to move a frame building 6' x 12' on Lot 13, Block 6, Torrance Tract, for retail ice service.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that this request be granted, provided the Torrance Ice Company will sign an agreement that they will remove the building at any time, upon thirty day notice from the City of Torrance. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a receipt for \$6500.00, for the purchase of property in Walteria for recreational purposes; and advised that the deed for this property has been placed in escrow. Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1687

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CERTAIN  
TAX DEEDED LANDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

and read the description of the properties, the name of the bidder, and the amount bid on each parcel.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 1687 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 359

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE  
NO. 346 AND PARTICULARLY SECTIONS 1 AND  
2 THEREOF.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 359 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 359 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented, for second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 360

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,  
PROHIBITING CERTAIN GAMES OR AMUSE-  
MENTS.

Councilman Cucci moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 360 be dispensed with. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 360 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci stated that he had received a request from the American Legion to rent the Annex to the Auditorium, on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in which to hold their meetings. Whereupon Councilman Cucci moved the request of the American Legion be granted. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bids opened on September 12, 1944, for a tandem road roller, be rejected and the deposits returned to the bidders. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$4661.00 be authorized, less 5% for cash, plus State Sales Tax, for the purchase of one new Austin-Western, 8-10½ ton tandem road roller from Smith Booth Usher Company. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$300.00 be authorized for the resurfacing of alleys in Block 15, of the Torrance Tract. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$65.00 be authorized for the surfacing of parking lot in rear of the Red Cross Building (formerly Chamber of Commerce Building). Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00 be authorized for the resurfacing of shoulders on Lomita Boulevard. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Post 3251 Veterans of Foreign Wars, requesting that before any property in the City of Torrance is sold for delinquent taxes, the said organization be furnished with a description of the property which is to be sold, the amount of delinquent taxes chargeable against the same, and the amount which is required to redeem the same, and the name of the person

shown by the tax rolls to be the owner, in order that the rights of men and women in the military service may be fully safeguarded and protected.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted, and the City Clerk be authorized to furnish the required information to said organization.

Some discussion followed, and Councilman Hitchcock remarked that considerable tax-deeded property that had already been sold, has been built upon and is a credit to the City, besides putting the property back on the Tax roll. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion made by Councilman Powell.

Attorney McCall called attention to the fact that it was very difficult to obtain the exact amount of delinquent taxes against any particular piece of property, and thought the City should not be bound to give the exact amount.

Councilman Powell then amended his motion to read: that the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars be granted, and the City Clerk be authorized to furnish such information as is supplied by the County to the Associated Assessment Engineers. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joel Hagberg, of Walteria, stated that he wished to be placed on the Recreation Committee as he was interested in Scout work, but that his request had been denied for the reason that he was a City employee; and called attention to the fact that a City employee had been appointed on the City Planning Commission.

Councilman Powell advised Mr. Hagberg that the rules of the Planning Commission state that one of the members must be a representative of the City.

At 8:25 P.M., on motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned until September 25, 1944 at 6:00 P.M.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE